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Amendment

### REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application as amended are requested. Claims 6, 12 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form using their corresponding originally-filed base claim. Claims 1-5, 7-11 and 13 have been canceled.

The examiner's objection to claims 6, 12 and 14-18 as depending upon a rejected base claim is respectfully traversed. Claims 15-18 depend from claim 14. Claims 6, 12 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form.

Inasmuch as each of the objections and rejections has been answered by the above remarks and amended claims, it is respectfully requested that the objections and rejections be withdrawn, and that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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